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FOR ANDREWS FROM WORTZEL

E. O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: OFFICIAL INFORMAL

1. WE ARE LESS THAN FULLY CLEAR, I GUESS, ON SOME OF THE
GROUND RULES FOR DISCUSSION OF MILITARY SALES IN LIGHT OF
THE INFORMATION ON PRATT AND WHITNEY CONTAINED IN PARA SIX
OF YOUR 150132. THERE ARE TWO PROBLEMS. FIRST, IF P AND W
CANNOT EVEN DISCUSS LICENSING OR CO-PRODUCTION POSSIBILITIES
UNTIL WE DECIDE THAT IT WOULD BE APPROVED, WE--THE USG-- ARE,
I TAKE IT, GOING TO ANSWER A HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION WHICH WE
CANNOT EVEN FORMULATE, SINCE P AND W CANNOT FIND OUT WHAT THE
YUGOSLAVS MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN. I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY
P AND W CANNOT BE PERMITTED TO TALK TO THE YUGOSLAVS, SHO
CAN SURELY BE MADE TO UNDERSTAND THAT P AND W CANNOT COMMIT
THE USG. IN ANY EVENT, IS PM, OR WHOEVER, NOW GOING TO SEEK
A DETERMINATION ON POSSIBLE CO-PRODUCTION? SECOND, WE ARE
CONSUSED BY PM'S QUALMS ABOUT OUR "INVOLVEMENT" IN THE
P AND W DEAL. WE HAVE UNDERSTOOD THAT WE CANNOT PLAY FAVORITES
AMONG US FIRMS IN COMPETITION FOR FOREIGN BUSINESS. WE
THOUGHT, HOWEVER, THAT ONCE A SINGLE US FIRM IS DEALING WITH
A FOREIGN PURCHASER, WE CAN PROPERLY SUPPORT ITS EFFORTS.
THAT SEEMS TO BE THE CASE WITH P AND W. IF THE QUALMS RELATE
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TO OUR SUPPORTING THE SALE AS SUCH, WE ARE STILL CONFUSED,
SINCE WE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE ENGINE SALE WAS FAVORABLY SEEN
IN WASHINGTON. CAN YOU SHED LIGHT?

2. I OWE YOU A RESPONSE TO THE QUESTION OF DAVID EVANS TOUR
OF DUTY, AND HOPE THAT I HAVE NOT BEEN TOO LONG AT IT. DAVID
FEELS IT BEST, DESPITE HIS STRONG INTEREST AND COMMITMENT,

THAT HE NOT EXTEND BEYOND TWO YEARS. THE AMBASSADOR AND I
SUPPORT THIS. WOULD YOU, THEREFORE, PASS THE WORD TO PER,
INCLUDING OUR ACTIVE INTEREST IN --AND DESIRE TO GRAB--
BILL WHITMAN.

3. PLEASE TELL BOB BRAGDON THAT EVERYTHING WILL BE READY FOR
HIS ARRIVAL. THE APARTMENT WILL BE FULLY FURNISHED, SO HE
NEED NOT BRING MORE THAN THE USUAL PERSONAL THINGS. THE
EMBASSY SHOULD HAVE WHAT PROFESSIONAL MATERIALS HE MAY NEED.

4. PLEASE TELL CHRIS HILL THAT, WHILE DAVID THOUGHT IT WOULD
BE USEFUL FOR HIM TO OVERLAP WITH BILL PRIMOSCH, UNDER THE
CIRCUMSTANCES HE SHOULD PLAN TO COME IN AUGUST, AND MAY BE
ABLE TO SEE BILL IN WASHINGTON.
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